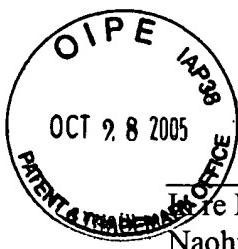


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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated July 29, 2005, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified U.S. patent application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.